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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS - PUERTO RICO AND CUBAN INTER-  
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1. IN CONVERSATION APRIL 2 WITH FONSEC DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF FOR IO AFFAIRS, AMB. SERGIO GONZALEZ GALVEZ, POL COUNS RAISED OUR SERIOUS CONCERN OVER POSSIBILITY PUERTO RICO AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO U.S. MIGHT AGAIN BE DRAGGED INTO INTERNATIONAL FORUMS, THANKS TO CUBA'S AGITATION. OUTLINING U.S. POSITION BASED ON STATE REFTELS, POL COUNS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MEXICO MIGHT BE COUNTED ON AT LEAST TO UNDERSTAND OUR REASONS FOR RESENTING INTERVENTION IN THIS INTERNAL U.S. MATTER AND PERHAPS TO IMPRESS THESE REASONS UPON OTHERS.

2. GONZALEZ GALVEZ REPLIED THAT MEXICO'S VIEW OF PUERTO RICO AND ITS STATUS HAD COINCIDED FULLY WITH OUR OWN UNDER EX-FONSEC RABASA, AND HE SAW NO REASON TO EXPECT THAT IT WOULD CHANGE UNDER GARCIA ROBLES. HOWEVER, HE PROMISED TO MAKE OUR CONCERNS KNOWN TO THE LATTER AND DETERMINE FOR SURE THAT GOM POLICY REMAINED UNALTERED.

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3. AT MENTION OF CUBA'S ROLE AND WHAT WE REGARDED AS

INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL U.S. AFFAIRS, GONZALEZ JUMPED TO QUESTION OF CUBAN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA. HE OBSERVED FIRST THAT THERE WAS AN ARGUMENT ON BOTH SIDES AS TO WHETHER CUBAN ROLE IN ANGOLA WAS TRULY INTERVENTION IN AN INTERNAL MATTER OR RESPONSE TO CALL FOR HELP BY A DULY-CONSTITUTED FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT ("LIKE U.S. INTERVENTION IN THE DOMREP"). BUT CASE OF RHODESIA WAS MUCH DIFFERENT, HE CONTINUED, INASMUCH AS RHODESIAN GOVT WAS CLEARLY AN OUTLAW AND CONDEMNED AS SUCH BY UNITED NATIONS. THUS ANY EVENTUAL CUBAN "INTERVENTION" THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE JUDGED ON ENTIRELY DIFFERENT GROUNDS. GONZALEZ GALVEZ EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN SECRETARY KISSINGER'S "WARNING" SPEECH AT DALLAS AND ASKED THAT WE SUPPLY HIM WITH TEXT. (WE HAVE, OF COURSE, COMPLIED).

4. COMMENT: GONZALEZ GALVEZ IS AS FAMILIAR AS WE ARE WITH U.S. POSITION ON PUERTO RICO AND OUR DISPLEASURE OVER OUTSIDE MEDDLING IN OUR RELATIONSHIP. NEVERTHELESS, IT WAS USEFUL TO REINFORCE OUR POSITION AT THIS MOMENT FOR TRANSMISSION TO GARCIA ROBLES, AS WE MAY BE SURE IT WILL BE.

5. WE ARE SOMEWHAT TROUBLED BY GONZALEZ GALVEZ' PRE-OCCUPATION WITH RHODESIAN SITUATION AND HYPOTHETICAL CUBAN INTERVENTION THERE. WE CANNOT BE SURE, BUT HE SEEMED TO BE SETTING US UP FOR EVENTUAL POLICY DIVERGENCE IF AND WHEN THAT SITUATION SHOULD ACTUALLY MATERIALIZE.  
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